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Lusby-Sheeler ^{Tenant} ~~House~~ House

C. 1860

The unfortunate removal of the front porch from this house has revealed the internal mid 19th Century braced timber frame with closely set vertical studs. This type of construction has a long history of development which begins with early timber frame techniques. This structure exemplifies the third quarter of the 19th Century in both construction and architectural detail. The side hall double parlor plan, the moldilioned cornice, long 4/4 sash windows, and two rooftop gabled dormers sets this structure apart from the typical in this area of Cecil County.

Site
razed 1979

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 1-119

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lusby ~~Sheeler~~ House Tenant House

AND/OR COMMON

SHEELER HOUSE TENANT HSE

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Southeast of Cecilton on Route 213

CITY, TOWN

~~to~~ Cecilton

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles H. Sheeler

Telephone #: 275-2385

STREET & NUMBER

Greenfields Farms

CITY, TOWN

~~to~~ Cecilton

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

zip code

21912

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS, 281

Folio #: 440

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lusby-Sheeler House c. 1860 is a 2½ story side hall/double parlor frame house with a 2 story 3 bay by 1 room frame kitchen wing. The house faces west with a north/south axis and is located just south of the Cecilton Town limits.

The 2½ story frame has an asbestos sheathing over weatherboard and rests on a fieldstone foundation. The structure is capped with a medium sloped composition tile roof. A shed porch used to be attached to the main facade but has been ~~entirely~~ removed. The heavy timber framing with corner bracing with spaced studding has been left uncovered on the west side. A shed porch still remains on the north side of the kitchen wing.

The west (front) facade has a northern bay entrance with four light sidelights and panel below. The transom has been partially covered. Long 4/4 sash windows with plain trim occupy the two southern bays and three 4/4 windows are found on the second floor. Shutter pintels remain but the shutters themselves have disappeared. Each corner of the main block is decorated with a pilaster which has been covered over by asbestos. The pilasters visually support a heavy modillion cornice. The attic is illuminated by two 6/6 sash dormers with fluted pilasters and a molded pediment.

The north end has a single 4/4 sash on the first floor and a 6/6 attic light. The eaves are extended with short returns at the base.

The south end once had double chimney stacks, one rising out of each slope of the roof. Both have been taken down and a block stack replaces the east slope pile. There are two 4/4 lights on each floor of the south end and two four pane attic lights.

The rear section has a tin roof with boxed cornice and bed molding and interior end chimney. The 6/6 sash has plain surrounds and an entrance is located in the central bay on the north side.

The interior of this house was not surveyed but not particularly important due to its typical form and predicated interior woodwork.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lusby-Sheeler House was at one time a significant structure outside Cecilton. The style and form of the house is typical of the mid 19th century but certain details such as the modilion cornice, double pile form, and long 4/4 windows make the house an interesting variation from the typical. The once existing front porch also *enlivened* the main facade. Unfortunately, the house and grounds have been used for tenants that farm neighboring Greenfields and the house has been neglected. Without attention the house will undoubtedly fall into such a poor state it will be more advisable to tear it down.

The house does not warrant extensive historical research. It was owned by a Miss A. Lusby in 1877 according to Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

10/17/79

STREET & NUMBER

6444 Cecil County Courthouse

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

CECILTON, MD.
QUAD.

SASSAFRAS

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Cecilton
(BM 79)

CE - 963

570 000 FEET
(MD.)

39°22'30"

75°52'30"

425

1 120 000 FEET (MD.)

426

427

428 50'



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Lusby STEELE House
W EAST ELEVATION

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CECILTON, MD.

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